

KALENJIN WOMEN PRAISE NAMES:

They replaced the childhood "Chep-" prefix and were chosen based on character, physical traits, or community circumstances

Common Kalenjin female praise names include:

- **Tap-Bel Gaa:** "She who burns the homestead." Given to a highly jovial, hard-working woman with a magnetic personality.
- **Tap-Sa Bei:** "She who worships water." A praise name for a patient lady who allows others to excel.
- **Tap-Nyol Ei:** "The one who deserves an ox." Refers to a woman of blameless, respectable character.
- **Tap-Nyo Bi:** "She who comes into the cattle enclosure." A title for a wife who acts swiftly and wisely in family matters.
- **Tap-Syar Goi:** "She who intrudes." Describes a go-getter who successfully gets whatever she needs for her family.
- **Tap-Rantich:** A wise woman who assists her husband in making tangible, positive decisions.
- **Tap-Kigen:** "She who always takes time to bring something home".
- **Tap-Lulei:** A woman known for having big, admirable earlobes.
- **Tap-Nyogaa:** A woman who readily apologizes or was married earlier than her age-mates. These traditional titles hold deep cultural significance, offering a glimpse into the virtues celebrated by the Kalenjin community, such as resilience, wisdom, and hospitality⁴

- Examples of meanings:

- Taprandich / Taprano- one whose dowry was paid immediately; fond of tending cattle/ goats
- Tapbutany - woman who loves cattle
- Tapkigen - woman who takes time but always brings something home
- Taplulei - woman with long ear lobes that make her bend forward

- Examples of Original Kalenjin Women's Names

- 4: Tapletgoi
- 6: Tapnyanja
- 7: Tapkelong
- 8: Tapnyolei
- 9: Tapsagaa
- 10: Tapbutany
- 11 Tapkigen
- 12: Tapsabei
- 13: Tapsiargaa
- 14: Tapbarno
- 15: Talai Tapkili
- 16 Tapleleito
- 17: Tapmuge
- 18: Taplangoi

- 19: Tapmining
- 20: Tapsile
- 21: Tapkemei
- 22 Tapkositany
- 23 Taptegei Bett
- 24: Tapruto
- 25: Taplangat
- 26: Tapng'eno
- 27: Tapchumba
- 28: Tapkorir Tanui
- 29 Tapnyogaa
- 30 Tapkoreipuun
- 31 Tapshargaa
- 32 Tapsabei
- 33: Tapnyobii
- 34: Taputany
- 35 Taprany'moi
- 36: Tapkosoon
- 37 Tapkelaal
- 38 Taprerimoi
- 39 Tapchumo
- 40 Taplangoi

SALANIK :

Traditionally, every Kipsigis person was given at least four names during their lifetime:

- 1.Kurenet
- 2.Kainetab Musarek
- 3.Kachaet
- 4.Salanik

Salanik was a traditional personal name, and among women, examples include:

- Taplilei
- - - Tapropko
- Taptulmat
- Tapelga
- Tapletgo
- Tapkargen
- Tapsargei
- Taplulei
- Tapkeror
- Tapsargoi